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BRUSSELS AND ROME PASS FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, IT

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY VISIT ROME

REF: (A) ROME 1955; (B) ROME 20606 (77); (C)  
ROME 2510

1. TWA HAS INFORMED FAA THAT ROME AIRPORT AUTHORITIES  
HAVE REVERSED THEIR COMMITMENT GIVING PERMISSION TO TWA  
TO ESTABLISH AND USE A SPECIFIC AREA AS AN EXCLUSIVE  
GATE POSITION WITH A SECURITY HOLD AREA AND BACKUP/  
REDUNDANT SCREENING (REFTEL B). REVERSAL APPARENTLY  
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BASED IN PART UPON MISINTERPRETATION OF THE RESULTS OF  
RECENT FAA INSPECTION OF TWA, AND PAA SECURITY OPERATIONS  
AND PERTINENT ALITALIA SECURITY PROCEDURES WHICH WERE  
CHARACTERIZED IN MEETINGS BETWEEN FAA SECURITY REPRESENTA-  
TIVE AND ALITALIA, ROME AIRPORT AND CIVAIR OFFICIALS AS  
SATISFACTORY. (REFTEL (A), PARAS. 1 AND 7). UNFORTUNATELY,

ROME AIRPORT CONTINUES TO BE A HIGH THREAT AIRPORT AND TWA FLIGHTS ORIGINATING FROM THERE REMAIN IN THE HIGH RISK CATEGORY. IT IS FELT THAT THE BACKUP/REDUNDANT SECURITY SCREENING USED BY TWA IS STILL REQUIRED AND IN FACT FORMS BASIS FOR FAA SATISFACTORY DETERMINATION REGARDING TWA. SUCH A SYSTEM REDUCES THE ADVERSE HUMAN FACTORS EFFECTS NOTED IN REFTEL (A).

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE ROME AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO REVIEW THEIR REVERSAL AND REINSTATE PERMISSION FOR TWA EXCLUSIVE GATE, SECURE AREA AND BACKUP SCREENING. IF ROME AIRPORT AUTHORITIES UNWILLING TO RECOMMIT THEMSELVES TO PROVIDING TWA WITH DEDICATED SPACE, THEY SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AND PERMIT AT LEAST THE LEVEL OF SECURITY PROVIDED OTHER HIGH RISK CARRIERS AND FLIGHTS, E.G. LUFTHANSA; I.E., IF AN EXCLUSIVE GATE AND STERILE AREA IS REFUSED THEN TWA SHOULD BE PERMITTED BACKUP/REDUNDANT SCREENING AT WHATEVER GATE POSITION THEY ARE ASSIGNED USING PORTABLE ELECTRONIC SCREENING EQUIPMENT.

3. SUMMARY OF FAA TEAM'S REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED AT LATER DATE FOR PRESENTATION TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL (C). VANCE

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